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SUBJECT: LABOR PARTY POLICY ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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1. LABOR PARTY SPOKESMAN INFORMED EMBOFF AUG 29 THAT 151 MEMBER SECRETARIAT WOULD CONVENE SEPTEMBER 3 AT TEN AM TO ADLPT GALILI DOCUMENT SUMMARIZING RECOMMENDATIONS OF LABOR PARTY LEADERSHIP ON POLICY TOWARD OCCUPIED TERRITORIES FOR NEXT FOUR YEAR.

2. ACCORDING TO SPOKESMAN, DECISION TO SWITCH NEXT STEP IN PROCESS OF ADOPTION GALILI DOCUMENT FROM PLATFORM COMMITTEE TO SECRETARIAT WAS TAKEN BY MRS MEIR AND GALILI PERSONALLY. MRS MEIR HERSELF WOULD SPEAK AT SECRETARIAT MEETING TO URGE ADOPTION GALILI DOCUMENT. SHIFT OF VENUE THUS WOULD COMPEL OPPONENTS OF GALILI DOCUMENT TO FACE PERSONAL CONFRONTATION WITH PRIMIN. SPOKESMAN BELIEVED THAT AS MANY AS FIFTY MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT MIGHT PREFER NOT TO ATTEND MEETING RATHER THAN ENTER INTO SUCH A CONFRONTATION, ALTHOUGH LYOVA ELIAV AND TEN
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TO TWENTY OTHER DOVES WOULD PROBABLY ATTEND. ELIAV FOR ONE

WOULD SURELY SPEAK OUT AGAINST GALILI DOCUMENT, BUT WOULD BE UNABLE TO FORESTALL ADOPTION.

3. SPOKESMAN STATED THAT ADOPTION THUS WAS GUARANTEED. HE WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER GALILI DOCUMENT WOULD BE PRESENTED THEREAFTER FOR RATIFICATION BY LARGER CENTRAL COMMITTEE BUT REGARDED ISSUE AS ACADEMIC. GENERAL PRINCIPLES IN GALILI DOCUMENT WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO LABOR PARTY PLATFORM WHILE OPERATIONAL ELEMENTS WOULD BE REGARDED AS GOVT POLICY PENDING IMPLEMENTATION.

4. SPOKESMAN ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NO FORMAL DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF LABOR PARTY PLATFORM. HE NOTED THAT GALILI, CHAIRMAN OF PLATFORM COMMITTEE, WORKS SLOWLY. IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT PLATFORM SUBCOMMITTEES WOULD WORK SEPARATELY ON PARTICULAR SECTION. SAPIR, FOR INSTANCE, WOULD SUPERVISE DRAFTING ECONOMIC SECTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE COMPLETED EARLIER THAN SECTIONS ON FOREIGN POLICY.

5. COMMENT:
SECRETARIAT MEETING SEPTEMBER 3 WILL BE IMPORTANT
STAGE IN LOCKING LABOR PARTY INTO COMMITMENT TO PROCEED WITH
PROGRAM OF ACCELERATED ACTIVITY IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.
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